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Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Did the Government help to start any cottage industry under the State Aid to Industries Act ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Not yet, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have framed any rules in regard to the giving of aid to cottage industries, whether such rules have been published and whether under those rules applications have been received ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The matter is under consideration."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" What are the existing cottage industries, I mean the nature of the industries that are existing at present ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise on this."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire what steps have been taken for popularising the new provisions of the Act for bringing home to the people the advantages which this new Act confers on the people in the development of cottage industries ? "

* The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Act has been published in the Gazette."

Loans under the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 1046-B Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any applications for aid from co-operative societies and small industrial concerns have been received since the passing of the amendment to the State Aid to Industries Act; and

(b) how such applications have been disposed of ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Assignment of Lands

Report of the Board of Revenue regarding the disposal of lands in Nedungal Reserve.

1047 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 204 answered on 6th September 1928—

(a) whether the report called for from the Board of Revenue regarding the disposal of lands in Nedungal reserve has since been received; and

(b) whether Government will be pleased to lay the same on the table of this House, together with the final orders of Government in the matter ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy ^a of G.O. Mis. No. 2211, Revenue, dated 25th September 1928, containing the reports of the Board of Revenue and the Collector is laid on the table.

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Assignment of disafforested lands in Nellimalai reserve.

1048 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether lands to the extent of about 150 acres disafforested in Nellimalai reserve, for assignment to the ryots of Varudalampet village and the neighbourhood, have been so assigned ;

(b) how many caste-Hindus and how many Adi-Dravidas of these villages applied for these lands and how many of these were people who did not own any lands ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the caste-ryots have spent money and labour in the disafforestation of these lands ;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are proposals to assign these lands to Adi-Dravidas coming from outside these villages or whether such assignments have as a matter of fact been already made ; and

(e) whether the Government propose to assign these lands to landless caste-ryots also ?

A.—(a) to (e) About 750 acres being the plains portion of the Nellimalai reserve forest was thrown out of reservation because the growth was poor and there was a demand for land for cultivation. No portion of the area was reserved for assignment to the ryots of any particular village. The tree growth was ordered to be sold by auction. The Government are not aware of any proposals for the assignment of the land to any particular class or caste.

Transfer to 'ayan' of the 'mandaveli' poramboke in Kil Kolathur village.

1049 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Collector of North Arcot district has recently ordered the transfer to 'ayan' of a 'mandaveli' poramboke S. No. 207 Kil Kolathur village in Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district, and whether he proposes to reserve this land for assignment to Adi-Dravidas ;

(b) whether the Tahsildar and the Revenue Divisional Officer refuse to so assign these lands and if so, on what grounds ;

(c) whether Government propose to assign all such lands to Adi-Dravidas to the exclusion of caste-ryots irrespective of merits ;

(d) what is the extent of land reserved at the time of re-survey for assignment to Adi-Dravidas ; and

(e) whether there are proposals to assign more lands for the Adi-Dravidas than so reserved ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are not aware of the case and have received no representation regarding it.

(c) If the hon. Member refers to all lands transferred from poramboke to ayan, the answer is in the negative.

(d) & (e) No land is reserved for any purpose at a re-survey.

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Assignment of lands to Adi-Dravidas in Matam village.

1050 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report called for in respect of question No. 792 answered on 28th November 1928 regarding assignment of land to Adi-Dravidas in Matam village, Wandiwash taluk, has been received; and

(b) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy^a of the communication already sent to the hon. Member is laid on the table.

Transfer of certain porambokes to ayan in Paravathoor village.

1050-A Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 884-A answered on 29th November 1928, regarding the transfer of certain porambokes to ayan in Paravathoor village, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the 233.41 acres of tank-bed in Paranjieri were available for grazing even at the re-settlement when an extent of 127.04 acres was reserved for grazing poramboke in Paravathoor village;

(b) whether it is a fact that Paranji is a separate village and that Paravathoor village could not claim the right of grazing within its area;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tank-bed is a waterspread area not available for grazing when all the cultivable lands are under cultivation and that the cattle have to seek waste lands for grazing; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to cancel the transfer of 78.94 acres of the grazing poramboke to ayan?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Paranji is a separate village but there is no reason why the cattle of Paravathoor village should not graze in that village as they apparently did at the time of the resettlement.

(c) The tank bed is available for grazing only when, and to the extent that, it is dry.

(d) The Government see no reason to do so.

Inams*Temples in the Presidency getting Mohini allowance.*

1051 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list containing the names of temples in the Presidency for which the Mohini allowance is granted and the amount in each case?

A.—Lists of allowances paid by the Government to religious institutions are being compiled and, when they are ready, copies will be placed on the table.

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Irrigation

Action taken on Mr. Stoney's report on the Kattalai Bed Regulator and the North Bank Channel.

1052-A Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any action has been taken by the Government on the report of Mr. Stoney on the Kattalai Bed Regulator and the sites proposed to be irrigated by the North Bank Channel and the High Level Channel and if so, what?

A.—A further report has been called for from the present Chief Engineer for Irrigation and his final reply is awaited.

Construction of the Kattalai Bed Regulator and the excavation of the North Bank Channel.

1052-B Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. Greg, the present Chief Engineer for Irrigation, inspected the sites in connexion with the construction of the Kattalai Bed Regulator and the excavation of the North Bank Channel and the High Level Channel;

(b) whether he has made any report to Government on this scheme and if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the same on the Council table;

(c) whether they have been advised by their experts that the South Bank Channel would be fruitless and ineffective without the Bed Regulator; and

(d) what action, if any, the Government have taken to ensure the safety of irrigation in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A preliminary report has been received and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation states that he will submit a complete report after making further investigation which he considers to be necessary. The question of placing the papers on the table will be considered when they are complete.

(c) No.

(d) The Government have no reason to think that irrigation in Trichinopoly district is unsafe, but will be prepared to enquire into any specific case which may be brought to their notice.

Levy of penal rates for breach irrigation in Government jirayati lands.

1053 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether according to the practice now obtaining in the East Godavari district penal rates for breach irrigation of Government jirayati lands are being levied in multiples of the consolidated assessment, whereas in the case of inam lands and zamindari lands for a similar breach irrigation, penal rates are being levied in multiples of water-rate only;

(b) whether the consolidated wet assessment which Government jirayati lands are now paying is made up of land assessment and water-rate;

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(c) whether the expression 'water-rate' in rule (5), page 28 of Volume II, Board's Standing Orders, is intended solely to refer to the water-rate portion of the consolidated assessment; and

(d) what amount was collected during the last three faslis in the East Godavari district as penal water-rate for breach irrigation on Government jirayati lands?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. Mis. No. 2818, Revenue, dated 3rd December 1928, a copy ^a of which is attached.

(c) The answer is in the negative, as the hon. Member will see if he refers to Rule VI.

(d) The Government have not the information nor could it readily be obtained as charges for irregular irrigation are not classed in the accounts with reference to the nature of the irregularity.

Alleged modification in the supply of water by turns to the irrigation channels from the Lower Anicut.

1054 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) (i) whether it is a fact that the Lower Anicut is intended for the benefit of the South Arcot district;

(ii) whether any alterations or modifications in turns (at the Lower Anicut) to the different branches taking off for irrigation from the Lower Anicut have been effected by the Public Works Department without the approval of the District Collector and without consulting the ryots affected thereby;

(b) if so, when and why such alterations or modifications were effected;

(c) whether proportionate turns and supplies are given from 1927 to each irrigation channel taking off from the Lower Anicut in consideration of the ayacuts under each channel;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Khan Sahib's canal was irrigating its ayacut from the supply of the Coleroon North Rajan channel;

(e) if the answer is in the affirmative, why the Khan Sahib's canal ayacut has now been deprived of such supply from Coleroon North Rajan channel and what is the present irrigation source for the ayacut under the Khan Sahib's canal; and what are the circumstances that led the department to stop the above supply from Coleroon North Rajan channel to the ayacut under the Khan Sahib's canal without consulting the ryots affected thereby;

(f) whether the Lower Anicut originally consisted of 36 ventways on each side of the central plateau;

(g) what led to the recent inclusion of 14 vents on the south side alone; and

(h) when the dispute about the source of the Khan Sahib's canal was settled and what are the decisions of such settlement, if any?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1008-A.

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Supply of water to Veeranam tank from Vadavar.

1055 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Vadavar has been the feeding source for Veeranam tank for a long time and whether Vadavar is still continued as such;

(b) if not, why not, and what are the original sources of supply to the Veeranam tank;

(c) what is the quantity of supply allowed in Vadavar now;

(d) whether it is for the ayacut under it alone (i.e.) for the irrigation of 14,000 acres only or for feeding the Veeranam tank also whose ayacut is 56,000 acres;

(e) if for the former only, what were the circumstances that led to the omission of Veeranam tank supply;

(f) whether it is a fact that the Veeranam tank supply is being taken for irrigating the ayacuts under Vellar; and

(g) if so, whether any additional source of supply to the Veeranam tank has been provided for to meet this demand of the ayacut under Vellar?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to questions Nos. 1008-B and 1008-C.

Distribution of water to the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers.

1056 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government distribute the water at the Upper Anicut to the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers in the same proportion in which they take the combined supply needed for the ayacuts both under Cauvery and Coleroon at the Kannambadi dam of the Mysore Government;

(b) if so, what is the ratio and if not, why not;

(c) whether it is a fact that Coleroon at the Upper Anicut was having the spill over the middle shutters in previous days and whether after the introduction of the screw-gearing system the Coleroon has been deprived of such advantage; and

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the compensatory provisions that have now been made after the introduction of screw-gearing system?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1008-D.

Silt clearance in Thimmaraju tank.

1057 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land irrigated by Thimmaraju tank in Peddapur taluk, East Godavari;

(b) the water-cess derived from the lands irrigated by this tank;

(c) whether it is a fact that the water sources of this tank require improvement;

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(d) whether it is a fact that this tank itself has to be cleared of silt; and

(e) whether the Government are considering the question of undertaking these improvements?

A.—(a) The wet ayacut under the tank is 4,492 acres and the extent of dry land irrigated by it in fasli 1335 was 312 acres.

(b) The total revenue derived from the lands irrigated by the tank is Rs. 15,781 as shown below :—

	RS.
(i) Wet assessment on the ayacut	13,264
(ii) Water rate on dry lands irrigated	998
(iii) Charge for second crop on wet lands	1,519
Total	15,781

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The Tank Restoration Scheme party is dealing with this tank, and if the estimate is sanctioned, the repairs or improvements required will be undertaken.

Estimate for the Thorrigedda sluice.

1058 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the estimate for the Thorrigedda sluice in East Godavari is now ready; and

(b) whether the same will be provided for in the next budget?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 661 answered on the 26th November 1928. The Collector of East Godavari has since reported that some of the leading ryots who were consulted by him have expressed the opinion that the amount of Rs. 66,000 estimated by the Chief Engineer was insufficient and that the scheme should be thoroughly investigated and details of work to be done with estimates of cost published in the Gazette. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation has since been asked what the cost of the detailed investigation of the scheme would amount to.

Land Revenue

Levy of fines by the Tahsildar on the villagers of Santhavasal for cutting stones to repair the local Hindu temple.

1059 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 911 answered on 29th November 1928, regarding levy of fines by the Tahsildar on the villagers of Santhavasal for cutting stones to repair the local Hindu temple, whether the report called for has been received and if so, what it is?

A.—The report^a received from the Collector of North Arcot is attached.

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Deduction of bonus from the earnings of copyists and copyist examiners in Revenue offices.

1060 Q.—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) what the rate of the bonus deducted from the earnings of the copyists and copyist examiners in the Revenue offices in the Presidency is ;
- (b) what the total that has been so far deducted is ;
- (c) whether the Government propose to give the bonus or at least a portion of the same to the respective copyists and copyist examiners ; and
- (d) if not, what they propose to do with the same ?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The hon. Member's question is not understood. The rules relating to the remuneration of copyists and examiners in the Revenue Department will be found in Board's Standing Order No. 173, paragraphs 13 and 15. They do not refer to any deduction of bonus.

Minor Irrigation

Repairs to the irrigation channel from Olayar.

1060-A Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that an irrigation channel from Olayar was maintained at the cost of the ryots of Devanandal, hamlet of Nallampitthettai village, Tiruvannamalai taluk, North Arcot district, for irrigating the wet lands in that village ;
- (b) whether the ryots requested the Government to repair the anicut when they found themselves unable to do so ;
- (c) whether any investigation was made in the matter and whether any estimates were prepared ; and
- (d) if the Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for same ?

A.—(a) to (d) A report has been called for.

Navigation

Raising of the fees for plying boats on the Buckingham canal.

1061 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether, with regard to the Buckingham canal, the question of raising the fees, in order to meet part of the heavy expenditure, has been considered by the Government ; and
- (b) if so, with what result ?

A.—(a) Yes.

- (b) The Government have decided to raise the fees for licences and wharfage, the enhancement to be effected by degrees. The fees have been raised by 50 per cent with effect from 1st May 1928.

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Public Service

Representation of Vaisyas in public service.

1062 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of appointments held by Vaisyas in this Presidency in the cadres of Deputy Collectors, District Munsifs, Tahsildars, Sub-Magistrates, Sub-Registrars, Police Circle Inspectors, Revenue Inspectors and Police Sub-Inspectors;

(b) the total number of posts in each of the above cadres?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the concluding sentence of G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922. The Government regret they are unable to order the compilation of the information asked for.

Village Establishments

Receipt of remuneration from ryots by village karnams.

1063 Q.—MR. V. KAMESWARA RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government servants, while in service, can render service to private persons and take remuneration from them; and

(b) whether village karnams can take money from ryots for furnishing them with information from village accounts about their lands or their subdivisions?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to section 124 (5) of the Government of India Act

(b) Ryots have been permitted to inspect and make notes, without payment of fee, of entries in certain village accounts relating to land in which they are interested. For the karnam to make a charge for such inspection would be wrong.

Labour

Drawbacks in the Labour Department.

1064 Q.—SWAMI A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Mr. M. C. Raja, M.L.A., regarding fourteen drawbacks in the Labour Department;

(b) what action the Government have taken on the same; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The hon. Member apparently refers to the representations made by himself, Mr. M. C. Raja and other deputationists to the Home Member on the 18th June 1928. They were carefully considered by Government but no special action was taken as none was found to be necessary.

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Budget

- *Examination of the question of making up the probable loss as a result of prohibition.*

1065 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of meetings held by the Finance Committee to examine the question of making up the loss that would be occasioned by introducing prohibition either partial or total;

(b) whether any meeting was held after 3rd March 1927, when it called for certain information from the Government;

(c) whether the Government have supplied any such information; and

(d) whether Government have given facilities for the Finance Committee to meet and consider the question further?

A.—(a) Two meetings, the first on the 11th January 1927 and the second on the 3rd March 1927.

(b) No.

(c) Papers relating to the rationing system adopted in Bombay and extracts from the Taxation Enquiry Committee's Report on the subject of total prohibition were furnished to the members of the Finance Committee on the 23rd June 1927.

(d) Information regarding the cost of the preventive staff which will be necessary, if total prohibition is adopted, is awaited from the Excise Commissioner. The subject was not therefore included in the agenda for the meetings of the Finance Committee held subsequent to the 3rd March 1927.

Civil Justice

• *Proposal to make the posts of copyists and copyist examiners permanent and pensionable.*

1066 Q.—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

• (a) whether there is now any proposal to make the posts of copyists and copyist examiners permanent and pensionable;

(b) how their memorial to make their posts permanent and pensionable has been disposed of; and

• (c) whether the Government propose to equalize the salary of the copyists and examiners in the Judicial and Revenue Departments?

A.—(a) In the Judicial Department there are already permanent posts of copyist and copyist examiner.

The service of copyist examiners is pensionable. There is no proposal at present for making the service of copyists pensionable.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to question No. 578 given on 12th October 1928.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

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Circular issued by the District Magistrate of Tinnevely.

1066-A Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 859-A answered on 29th November 1928 regarding the circular issued by the District Magistrate of Tinnevely—

(a) whether the report called for from the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, has been received, and

(b) whether the same will be placed on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No, as the matter is still under the consideration of Government.

Criminal Justice

Alleged irregularities in the conduct of a raffle for a motor car in North Arcot district.

1066-B Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 861 answered on 29th November 1928, regarding the irregularities in the conduct of a raffle for a motor car in North Arcot district, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ascertained whether the motor car for which a raffle was conducted by Dinadhayalu Mudaliyar, member, District Board, North Arcot, was one really belonging to the President, District Board, North Arcot, Rao Bahadur K. Krishnaswami Nayudu Garu;

(b) whether the necessary permission for a raffle was obtained from Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that one district board teacher got the car in the lottery;

(d) whether it is a fact that it was again bought by the President, District Board, at a nominal price and is now owned by him;

(e) whether it is a fact that the subscribers to the raffle were mainly district board servants;

(f) whether it is a fact that this matter was brought to the notice of the board by some of the members; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to make an inquiry into the matter?

A.—(a) Yes. Mr. Dinadhayalu Mudaliyar is not a member of the District Board.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) No.

(f) No.

(g) The District Magistrate, North Arcot, has made enquiries into the matter and was satisfied that the conduct of Rao Bahadur Krishnaswami Nayudu Garu in the matter was honest and straight. The Government see no reason to make any further enquiries.

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Forests

Number and service of forest rangers.

1067 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay before the House a statement showing—

(a) the total number of forest rangers in service during the last five years;

(b) the number of forest rangers who died while still in service or within three years of their retirement during the last five years;

(c) the average period of sick leave availed of by each forest ranger during the last five years; and

(d) the average period of service put in by the rangers who retired or died in service during the last five years?

A.—(a) to (d) A statement ^a is appended.

Closing of a path in Odagathur reserve forest.

1068 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 864 answered on 29th November 1928 regarding the closing of a path in Odagathur reserve forest, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report called for in the matter has been received; and

(b) whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) The information ^b asked for is appended.

Education

Closing of the Engineering School at Trichinopoly.

1069 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether Government will be pleased to lay all the papers regarding the closing of the Engineering School at Trichinopoly on the table of this House?

A.—G.O. No. 1410, Law (Education), dated 15th July 1927, and the connected papers^c are laid on the table.

Increased pay for attenders in the Educational department.

1070 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the attenders in the Educational department memorialized the Director of Public Instruction and His Excellency the Governor in Council praying for increased pay and better prospects;

(b) whether any and if so what orders have been passed on these memorials; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the pay of attenders in the other departments of Government has been raised?

^a Printed as Appendix X on page 138 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix XI on pages 138-139 infra.

^c Printed as Appendix XII on pages 139-141 infra.

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A.—(a) & (b) Some memorials have been received by Government from attenders employed in the offices of Deputy Inspectors of Schools for an increase of their pay. Proposals in that regard are under consideration.

(c) No.

Inclusion of Sathanivaishnavas in Northern Circars in the list of backward communities.

1071 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the non-Brahman community called the Sathanivaishnavas in the Northern Circars has been treated as a backward community and if not, why not?

A.—The Sathani vaishnavas are not included in the list of backward classes appended to the Madras Educational Rules in view of the comparatively high standard of literacy attained by them.

Management of the Municipal Secondary School, Rajahmundry.

1072 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Municipal Council, Rajahmundry, has been maintaining a secondary school at an average loss of about Rs. 4,000 for the last six years;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that this school is without a building of its own and that the accommodation in the present rented building is insufficient; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the desirability of making this school a net cost school and giving a building grant for the same?

A.—(a) From the accounts of the Municipal Council, Rajahmundry, it is observed that the council has had to meet from its own funds an expenditure of about Rs. 4,500 on an average, in the last six years, on the maintenance of the secondary school under its management.

(b) The school is reported to be badly in need of better accommodation.

(c) A fixed subsidy of Rs. 400 is paid from Provincial funds towards the cost of maintenance of the school. The Government are unable to accept the proposal that they should meet the entire net cost of the school. The application of the council for a subsidy from Provincial funds towards the cost of purchase of a building for the school is under consideration.

Number of elementary schools in the Presidency.

1073 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of villages in this province with a population of 500 and over;

(b) how many of these had schools in 1926-27;

(c) the number of elementary schools opened after 1920;

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- (d) whether Government have any scheme to provide every village with a population of 500 and over with a school; and
(e) if so, when?

A.—(q) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to tables III and IV in Volume XIII, Part II, of the report of the census of 1921 and to table (46) of the supplemental statistics in Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for the quinquennium ending with 1926-27.

(c) The net accession to the total number of elementary schools for boys and girls from 1st April 1920 to 31st March 1928 was 19,095.

(d) & (e) Yes. The Government have been sanctioning since 1924-25 subsidies to taluk boards and grants to village panchayats and private managements for the opening of schools in such school-less centres.

Sectarian schools and colleges maintained by Government.

1074 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of sectarian schools and colleges maintained by the Government for the benefit of special communities or classes with their names;

(b) whether there is any school or college maintained by them solely for the benefit of the Adi-Dravidas; and

(c) whether Government intend opening such schools or colleges for the benefit of the Adi-Dravidas?

A.—(a) The Government maintain a college for Muhammadans at Madras. There are also secondary and training schools chiefly intended for this community. The names of these will be found in the subsidiary tables appended to Volume II of the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency. It is presumed that the hon. Member does not want information about elementary schools.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Adi-Dravida girls' schools in the Presidency.

1075 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the number of Adi-Dravida girls' schools in the Presidency?

A.—The total number of public institutions in the Presidency chiefly intended for Adi-Dravida girls on 31st March 1928 was 191.

Local Boards

Action taken on objections to rules regarding the marking of ballot-papers for local board elections.

1076 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have issued rules regarding the marking of ballot-papers in G.O. No. 1957, L. & M., dated 2nd May 1928;

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- (b) whether the President, Tiruvannamalai Taluk Board, North Arcot district, protested against the policy adopted in the above rules;
 (c) whether any other local bodies similarly objected to the above rules; and if so, what are the grounds of objection raised by them; and
 (d) whether those objections were considered by Government?

A.—(a) Yes, for criticism of the draft.

(b) Yes, but the protest was received after the rules had been confirmed by Government.

(c) & (d) A single municipal council objected to the new procedure on the ground that there should be uniformity in the marking of the ballot-papers in order to maintain secrecy. The objection was overruled.

Resolutions of the Salem District Board regarding the work done by Mr. M. K. Duraiswami Ayyar.

1077 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any resolutions of the Salem District Board have been received by him regarding the work done by M.R.Ry. M. K. Duraiswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A., B.E., District Board Engineer, Salem; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answers given to clauses (a) and (c) of Legislative Council Question No. 836.

Nomination of a depressed class member for Chidambaram Taluk Board.

1078 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the nominated member for the depressed classes in the Chidambaram Taluk Board is a Pannayal of the Taluk Board President;

(b) whether the nomination was announced on the day of the President's election in that taluk board; and

(c) what steps will be taken to avoid such nominations in future?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 9(4) (b) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, under which the power to appoint members of taluk boards is vested in presidents of district boards.

Expenditure from 1927-29 on roads, rural education and public health.

1079 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to place before this House a statement showing the allotments made and spent in 1927-28 and up to June 1928 in 1928-29 for roads, rural education, water-supply, hospitals and public health?

A.—A statement^a is appended. It is assumed that by 'rural education' the hon. Member means 'elementary education'.

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Municipalities

Introduction of Provident Fund scheme for teachers in the schools of Tiruppattur and Tiruvannamalai Municipal councils.

1080. Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have perused the resolution passed at the Fourth Annual Session of the North Arcot Secondary School Teachers' Guild;

(b) whether they have taken any action on the resolution requesting the Municipal Councils of Tiruppattur and Tiruvannamalai to introduce Provident Fund scheme for teachers in schools under them;

(c) whether Government advised these municipalities in the matter and whether those municipal councils have adopted the suggestions; and

(d) whether the Government propose to ask all municipalities which receive subsidies from Government to adopt the scheme of Provident Fund in the schools under them?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The resolution has not been received by the Government.

(d) No.

Amelioration of the status of scavengers in municipalities.

1080-A Q.—MR. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have placed the question of the amelioration of the status of scavengers in municipalities before the Local and Municipal Advisory Committee or the Select Committee appointed to consider the draft amending Bills to the Local Boards and District Municipalities Acts?

A.—No.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Introduction of a Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

1081 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act will be introduced in the Council; and

(b) for how long this matter is pending consideration?

A.—(a) It is not yet possible to announce a definite date, but the Bill will be introduced as early as practicable.

(b) For over a year.

Medical

Reduction of the charge for Wasserman test.

1082 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of abolishing or reducing the charge of Rs. 32 for Wasserman test for syphilis has been considered; and

(b) if so, with what result?

A.—(a) & (b) The question is under consideration.

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Public Health

Ayurvedic dispensaries in the Presidency.

1083 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the information asked for in clauses (b), (c) and (d) of question No. 754 answered on 20th October 1927 has been called for and whether it has been received;

(b) how many of the dispensaries are Ayurvedic;

(c) the number of patients that are annually treated by these; and

(d) the persons in charge of these and their qualifications?

A.—(a) Information has been received from all local bodies except Udamalpet and Vizagapatam Municipal Councils.

(b) 102.

(c) 1924-25 ... 646,958

1925-26 ... 922,946

1926-27 ... 1,395,611

(d) A statement^a containing the information is laid on the table.

Alleged abolition of the rural dispensary at Amadalavalasa.

1084 Q.—MR. V. KAMESWARA RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chicacole Taluk Board have abolished the rural dispensary at Amadalavalasa; and if so, on what grounds;

(b) whether the local people have prayed for its retention; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to order its retention?

A.—(a) No; but the question of its transfer to another centre is under consideration as medical relief is already provided at Amadalavalasa by the Canadian Baptist Mission.

(b) Yes.

(c) A decision has not yet been arrived at.

Prevention of venereal diseases.

1085-A Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what the findings and suggestions of the members of the British Hygiene Council for preventing venereal diseases are;

(b) what the recommendations of the Surgeon-General on the above findings and suggestions are;

(c) whether the Government have examined these recommendations and have come to any decision on these matters; and

(d) whether the Government propose to give effect to these recommendations and suggestions?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the report of the Indian Delegation of the British Social Hygiene Council published with G.O. No. 489, P.H., dated 3rd March 1928.

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- (b) to (d) A summary of the orders so far issued by the Government on the recommendations has been laid on the table in answer to question No. 1037-A. The remaining recommendations are under consideration.

Percentage of persons suffering from venereal diseases.

1085-B Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what the percentage is of persons that suffer from venereal diseases to the total population in the Presidency; and

(b) if the information is not available whether the Government will call for it?

A.—(a) & (b) The number of out-patients suffering from venereal diseases who attended hospitals in the Presidency in 1925 was 150,000. In the same year 50,000 persons were treated suffering from primary and secondary syphilis. No later figures are available. There are of course a number of people suffering from venereal disease who resort to quacks or treat themselves and it is impossible therefore to attempt any accurate census or calculate the percentage of persons infected to the total population.

Report on the development of indigenous system of medicine in the United Provinces.

1086 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of the Principal of the Government School of Indian Medicine regarding the encouragement and development of indigenous system of medicine in the United Provinces and whether any conclusions have been arrived at;

(b) if so, whether the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(c) what action has been or is proposed to be taken thereon?

A.—(a) & (c) The report is still under the consideration of the Government.

(b) The recommendations made in the report will be published as soon as conclusions are arrived at.

Water-supply

Alleged scarcity of drinking water in Tinnevely, Ramnad, Dindigul and Palni.

1087 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is scarcity of drinking water in Tinnevely, Ramnad, Dindigul and Palni and that water is being sold in these places; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government to remedy the same.

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A.—(a) The Government believe that the areas referred to are not well supplied with drinking-water.

(b) *Tinnevely* has no protected water supply system. A proposal to instal a protected water-supply scheme for the municipality was dropped recently as the municipal council was not prepared to bear one-half of the cost of the scheme.

The Sanitary Engineer has been requested to submit proposals to increase the existing supply of water to the town of *Dindigul*. Proposals for the improvement of the *Nattamaikkara* and *Adikarai* wells are also under consideration. A scheme for the installation of a protected water-supply for *Palni* has been sanctioned in the current year and its execution is being taken on hand. No scheme for the provision of water-supply for the *Ramnad* union is under consideration. It is the duty of the local board concerned to take the initiative in the matter and address the Government for necessary sanction.

Agriculture

Demonstration plots in Salem district.

1088 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many demonstrators are working in Salem district and whether any demonstration plots have been selected by them; if so, where and to what extent;

(b) whether any wells have been dug in the district through boring plant for irrigation purposes;

(c) if so, how many and where; and at what cost; and

(d) if not, why and when the Government propose to do so?

A.—(a) Five demonstrators are working in the Salem district; thirty demonstration plots were conducted in 1927-28. Their location and results obtained will be found in the appendix ^a.

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement ^a is appended.

(d) Does not arise. It may however be mentioned for the information of the hon. Member that Government do not ordinarily put down borings except on requisition from the ryots.

Number of candidates selected from Salem district for agricultural course in Coimbatore College.

1089 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of candidates selected to learn agricultural course in Coimbatore College and the number who have been already qualified from Salem district?

A.—A statement ^b containing the information is appended.

^a Printed as Appendix XV on pages 149-157 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix XVI on page 158 infra.

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Alleged practice of Government servants borrowing milch cows from owners.

1090 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

Whether there is an almost universal practice for Government servants and others to borrow milch cows from the owners for using the milk after feeding them properly and return them when they go dry with a money or other present?

A.—The Report^a of the Director of Agriculture is placed on the table.

Working of experimental stations in agriculture.

1091 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of experimental stations in agriculture ;
- (b) where each is situated ;
- (c) the nature of the work done at each ; and
- (d) the amount of money spent at each station since it was started or for the last ten years, whichever is shorter and also the amount of returns during each of those years?

A.—(a) There are 31 experimental stations including the Botanical Gardens at Ootacamund and Coimbatore.

(b) The places where they are situated are indicated in the map attached to the administration report of the department for 1927-28. The hon. Member's attention is also invited to the answer to his question No. 932.

(c) It is not possible to describe the work done in an answer to a question. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the station reports, copies of which are placed in the Council Library and which contain a description of the work done in detail.

(d) A statement showing the receipts and expenditure for 1927-28 is appended.^b The figures for the remaining years are not readily available. The Government do not consider that the time and labour which will be involved in compiling these figures will be commensurate with the purpose to be served, and one year's accounts will be found to be sufficiently typical.

Cattle farms in the Presidency.

1092 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of cattle farms in the province ;
- (b) where each is situated and when it was started ;
- (c) the number of cattle at each station and the number of each species ;
- (d) the total expenditure and return, if any, at each of the farms since it was started or for the last ten years, whichever period is shorter ;

^aPrinted as Appendix XVII on page 159 infra.

^bPrinted as Appendix XVIII on pages 160-161 infra.

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- (e) the special purpose for which each farm is maintained ; and
 (f) the cost of maintenance of each animal at each farm during the last year ?

A.—(a) Four.

(b) Coimbatore in 1923, Hosur in 1924, Chintaladevi in 1918-19, and Guntur in 1923.

(c), (d), (f) Statements containing the information are appended a.

(e) They are maintained for the general improvement of cattle in the Presidency. Attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the annual reports of these stations for 1927-28 which are available in the Council Library.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture.

1093 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the decisions of the Conference convened by the Government of India to discuss the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture have been communicated to this Government ;

(b) whether the Government have decided to accept any of the recommendations made therein ; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to give particulars of the same ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The question is under consideration.

Industries

Industrial schools in the Presidency.

1094 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of industrial schools in the province ;

(b) when each was started ;

(c) the net cost incurred in each year till last year ;

(d) the subject or subjects taught in each school ; and

(e) whether the Government propose to start more schools ?

A.—(a) The number of Government and aided schools is given in the appendices to the annual administration reports of the Department of Industries ; the latest was published in November 1928.

(b) The Government institutions were opened in the years noted below :—

(1) The School of Arts and Crafts, Madras, which was started originally by a private individual, was taken over by Government in 1852.

(2) The Madura Industrial Institute was originally started by the District Board, Madura, and was taken over by Government in the year 1909.

(3) The Leather Trades Institute in 1915.

(4) The Madras Trades School was started in 1916.

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(5) The Textile Institute in 1923.

Information regarding the date of opening of each of the aided institutions, 63 in number, is not available with Government.

(c) The cost of conducting the Government institutions during each of the last five years has been as follows:—

—	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Madras Trades School.	40,423 7 0	45,698 6 8	50,716 14 4	57,803 7 6	64,030 13 0
2. Leather Trades Institute.	42,936 12 2	42,430 15 2	67,686 9 7	58,717 12 2	55,489 4 1
3. Government Textile Institute.	24,954 12 0	29,915 7 6	37,404 13 1	29,907 3 5	41,186 11 8
4. Madura Industrial Institute.	62,284 11 0	74,238 0 4	29,711 10 2	60,000 0 0	52,476 2 2
5. School of Arts and Crafts.	73,908 3 9	65,277 11 5	66,795 4 2	60,409 9 6	67,898 0 6

Charges and receipts of aided institutions are given in the administration reports every year.

(d) The hon. Member's attention is invited to Appendix 'I' of the administration report of the Department of Industries.

(e) Yes.

Number of pupils trained in the Kerala Soap Institute.

1095-A Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with regard to the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut—

(a) the reasons for the losses in the years 1920-21, 1922-23, 1923-24 and 1925-26;

(b) whether any pupils are trained there; and

(c) if so, how many have completed the course?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the sections dealing with the institute in the administration reports of the department and to the audit reports of the institute for the years referred to. Both these reports were placed on Editors' Table. With reference to the loss in 1925-26 it may be mentioned that the year's working actually brought in a net profit of Rs. 16,722, but a sum of Rs. 18,300 representing interest on capital, etc., had to be deducted from the profit, and this converted the profit into a loss of Rs. 1,578.

(b) Yes.

(c) The scheme for a regular course of training was introduced in 1927-28 and six students finished their course in March 1928. Twelve more have been admitted for the session 1928-29.

Working of the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut.

1095-B Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut—

(a) whether the business ended in profit or loss in 1927-28;

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- (b) what the amount is ;
- (c) what the percentage of profit or loss is ;
- (d) whether the future of the institute has been considered ; and
- (e) if so, with what result ?

A.—(x) In loss.

(b) Rs. 7,886-14-4.

(c) About 2·5 per cent.

(d) & (e) The future of the institute is under the consideration of the Government.

Levy of inspection fees by the Industries department on applications for pumping installations.

1096 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Industries is claiming an inspection fee of rupees ten on all loan applications from ryots for purchasing pumping installations ;

(b) whether the rules prescribe for an inspection or investigation fee being leviable in such cases ;

(c) whether the inspection fee is claimable even in cases where no local inspection is really necessary and when the applicants for the loans do not seek expert advice at the hands of the department and why ; and

(d) whether Government have received any communication from Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, Landholder, in the Salem district, protesting against the levy of inspection fee by the Industries department and what orders have been passed thereon by Government ?

A.—(a) Yes, when a local inspection is considered necessary by the Director to satisfy himself as to the soundness of the pumping scheme.

(b) A fee is prescribed for inspection.

(c) If the department considers a local inspection necessary for a proper examination of the scheme, it cannot sanction a loan without making an inspection. Even in respect of such inspections a fee is payable.

(d) Yes. A copy of the orders a passed is annexed.

Veterinary

Opening of Veterinary dispensaries.

1097 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Veterinary Adviser advised the Government in 1927-28 to open twelve new dispensaries including one at Peddapuram in East Godavari district ;

(b) whether any of these have been opened ;

(c) if so, where ;

(d) whether the rest will be opened ; and

(e) if so, when ?

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A.—(a) The Director had submitted proposals for the opening of twelve dispensaries during 1928–29, including one at Peddapur and the proposals have been sanctioned by Government.

(b) & (c) One dispensary has been opened at Nannilam.

(d) Yes.

(e) Seven more dispensaries will be opened during the current year and the rest during 1929–30.

IV

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

* The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I beg to move—

'That an expression of sincere regret of this Council at the death of Raja Sir P. Ramarayaningar, K.C.I.E., M.L.C., Raja of Panagal, and of deep sympathy with his bereaved family be placed on record and conveyed to them.'

"The late Raja Sahib of Panagal was the descendant of an ancient Kshatriya family long domiciled in South India and was closely connected with the Kalahasti family. He was born in 1866 and educated in the Hindu High School, Triplicane, and the Presidency College, Madras, and was a Master of Arts of the Madras University.

"The late Raja of Panagal made his public entry into politics in 1912, when he was elected to the Imperial Legislative Council by the Central Landholders Constituency. He was invited to the Imperial War Conference in 1918; later he visited England as a representative of the landed interests of this Presidency and gave evidence before the Parliamentary Joint Committee. In 1920, on the introduction of the present Reformed Constitution he was appointed Minister and on the death of Diwan Bahadur Subbarayalu Reddiyar became the leading Member of the Ministry and continued in that position till the second Council was dissolved in 1926. In 1925, on the death of Sir Theagaraya Chettiyar he became the President of the South Indian Liberal Federation and elected leader of the non-Brahman movement. The hereditary title of Raja was conferred on him in 1923 and in 1926 he was created a Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

"Regarding his public work as leader of the non-Brahman movement and as Minister for Local Self-Government, Public Health and Religious and Charitable Endowments, there are many here better qualified to speak than I; but all will agree with me, I am sure, in saying that throughout his career, the late Raja Sahib was a sincere patriot who loved his country and worked to make it happy and prosperous. He held fast by constitutional methods and desired progress to be real and sure. However much some in this House may have differed from him in his political views and methods, I do not think that any will deny that the interests of his country were always nearest to his heart.

"As a man, his kindly and refined nature made him most lovable while his steadfastness commanded our trust. The State has lost in him a wise counsellor and most of us a very valued personal friend."